Import of Urea

1519. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tenders floated for the import of urea and the lowest quotation accepted in 1986-87;

(b) whether the suppliers of urea quoted their prices separately and whether there are middle agencies; if so, what are the names of these agencies and their terms; and

(c) what were the prices of fertilizer in other fertilizer producing countries and their international prices and what was the CIF prices and market prices in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Two tenders were floated during 1986-87. Lowest quotations accepted after further negotiations to bring down the prices were at DFL 237.90 PMT FOB and ECU 102 PMT FOB. MMTC deals directly with suppliers and there are no middle agencies. The prices of fertilizers in fertilizer producing countries are not published The international prices of fertilizers varied between US $ 60—70 PMT FOB to 215—230 US $ PMT FOB depending on the type of fertilizer and period of purchase The CIF prices if fertilizers varied between Rs. 1142 PMT to Rs. 2506 PMT depending on the type of fertilizer. The market prices in India varied from Rs. 1330 PMT to Rs. 3600 PMT depending on the type of fertilizer.

मक्का के इमाम की कलकत्ता आदि स्थानों की यात्रा

1520. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 22 मार्च, 1988 के "हिन्दुस्तान" में जो दिल्ली से प्रकाशित होता है "मक्का के इमाम कलकत्ता क्या करने आये थे" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इमाम ने दिल्ली, कलकत्ता, मुर्शिदाबाद आदि स्थानों की यात्रा की थी और अपने भाषणों के दौरान उन्होंने धार्मिक समस्याओं का उल्लेख किया था, यदि हां, तो इस संबध में वस्तुस्थिति क्या है ;और

(ग) क्या उनके द्वारा जन सभाओं में दिए गए भाषणों के कुछ अंश देश की सुरक्षा के लिए हानिकर थे, यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमन् ।

(ख) और (ग) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार इमाम ने वैध यात्रा दस्तावेजों के आधार पर भारत का दौरा किया । उन्होंने इस्लाम तथा मुसलमानों के कर्तव्यों पर भाषण दिए, लेकिन उन भाषणों से देश की सुरक्षा को कोई खतरा प्रतीत नहीं हुआ ।

Effects of drought on agricultural exports

1521. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" of the 31st March, 1988 to the effect that drought conditions have adversely affected country's agricultural exports like tobacco, rice, wheat, spices; tea and coffee; etc.;

(b) whether it has also been stated that protection policies of the industrialised countries have hit textile exports;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated loss of foreign exchange on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) There